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GENERAL NOTE.

PART I—Agricultural Statistics.

1. The total area of the State is about 19 million acres, of which for about $1\frac{1}{3}$ million acres no returns are received. Of the balance, an extent of $2\frac{1}{5}$ million acres come under "Forests," and about $6\frac{3}{4}$ million acres are not available for cultivation. An extent of nearly $8\frac{1}{2}$ million acres is therefore available for cultivation, of which about $7\frac{1}{2}$ million acres were under occupation, the extent actually cultivated being however about 6,047,000 acres.

PART IV—Rainfall.

2. There was during the year a general deficit of rainfall in almost all the districts. The decrease in the Bangalore and Kolar Districts was considerable, being 27·29 and 18·68 inches as against 47·61 and 41·64 inches in the previous year. The average for the whole Province is 33·22 inches which is less than the averages for 1910-11 and the previous 41 years by 15·07 and 3·93 inches respectively.

PART I.

3. The net area cropped during the year was 6,047,455 acres which is less than that of 1910-11 by 140,658 acres. The largest decrease occurred in the Tumkur District being nearly 85,000 acres. Next in order come Kolar, Chitaldrug and Hassan Districts.

4. There was a decrease of about 26,200 acres in the area of crops irrigated, (Col. 18, Table A 2) the major portion of which was in the Kolar District. The decrease was mainly due to the fall under "Other cereals and pulses" (Col. 15).

5. The areas under (Table A 3) cholum and sugar cane have increased by 50,124 and 4,000 acres, respectively, while those under rice and ragi have gone down very considerably, *i.e.*, by 64,327 and 77,581 acres respectively.

TABLE C.

6. The incidence of land revenue (excluding cesses) per head of the population increased by one pie, while the incidence on fully assessed area increased by 3 pies.

TABLE D.

7. The number of holdings under ryotwar tenure increased from 1,087,158 to 1,091,465, the increase in the gross area being nearly 35,400 acres. The average area per holding was 6·5 acres with an average assessment of Rs. 8·72 as against 6·49 acres and Rs. 8·73 in the previous year. There was a rise of 278 in the number of estates held wholly or partially revenue free. The average area and assessment of these estates were 18·68 acres and Rs. 5·37 as against 18·72 acres and Rs. 5·56 during the year 1910-11.

TABLE E.

8. There were during the year 668 transfers of lands by orders of Courts involving an extent of 6,598 acres as against 634 comprising 4,180 acres in the previous year. Transfers by private contract or gift numbered 16,758 involving an extent of 97,853 acres against 14,933 involving 92,377 acres in 1910-11.

PART II—Estimated outturn of selected crops.

9. During the year under report the total area under paddy was less than in 1910-11 in all the districts except Mysore and Hassan. The decrease was highly

perciptible in the Tumkur and Chitaldrug Districts being nearly 30,000 and 14,000 acres respectively.

10. There was a decrease of 72,000 acres in the total area under ragi crop the bulk of which was in the Hassan, Kolar and Chitaldrug Districts. The average estimated actual outturn of ragi was 7·4 against 9·5 annas in 1910-11.

11. The area under cholum was greater than in the previous year by 50,000 acres, but the outturn was less by 70,000 kandies.

12. The total area under sugar cane increased by about 4,000 acres. In Bangalore and Tumkur Districts there was a decrease in the actual outturn of jaggory though there was an increase in the area under the crop.

PART III—Prices of some principal articles of food.

13. Prices of important food grains, *viz.*, rice, ragi and cholum were generally higher in all the districts as compared with the previous year.

K. DORASWAMI IYER,
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